

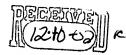
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312

Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed November 20, 2002, in the abovereference application.

Applicant notes that a claim of priority under 35 USC 120 has never been acknowledged in any Office Action or in the Notice of Allowability. However, the present application, as filed, specifies that it is a Continuation-in-Part application of U.S. Application 08/865,693. Furthermore, other correspondence (e.g. filing receipts) from the PTO indicates that PTO records identify the present application as a Continuation-in-Part application.

Applicant also notes that all pending claims have been allowed even though claims 22-26were subject to restriction and withdrawn from consideration.



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Applicant respectfully requests that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability be issued acknowledging the aforementioned claim of priority and confirming whether claims 22-26 have been rejoined and in fact allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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